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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1910.

A prolonged disturbance in the sphere of politics inevitably militates against the well-being of a learned society, more especially when, as in the case of the Sociological Society, its activities are related in greater or less degree to all the influences of social development and change. It is therefore not surprising that the Sociological Society should have been to some extent adversely affected by the severe political controversies of the past two years, and that the occurrence of two general elections in a twelvemonth,—both of them, as it happened, in the middle of the winter season—has added very considerably to the difficulties of arranging the programme of papers, and of obtaining adequate audiences for the ordinary meetings. Notwithstanding these circumstances however, the Society has maintained its position, and has, in fact, received during the past few months a larger measure of public notice, especially in the way of press reports, than it has enjoyed since the first years of its existence. This is due, doubtless, partly to the fact that the papers have in the main dealt with subjects somewhat closely concerned with contemporary problems; but also, it may be said, to the growing recognition of the fact that the Society is rendering a valuable service in providing a platform upon which questions of high importance to civilised society may be discussed without reference to sectional or party interests.

MEETINGS AND PAPERS.

During the year under report the full number of ordinary meetings for papers and discussions was held, and the migration of the Society for this purpose to the ample hall of the Royal Society of Arts, noted in last year's report, has had an appreciable effect upon the size of the audiences. It may be noted also that towards the end of the year, as the result of a vote taken among the members, the Council decided that about half the ordinary meetings should be held in the afternoons (5.15), with an opportunity for meeting at tea. There is reason to anticipate that the innovation will not only be generally appreciated, but will be especially welcome to a large section of the members who find evening lectures inconvenient, and, further, that it will be of material assistance in bringing together representative audiences. There is, more particularly among professional men and women and those engaged in the public service, a growing disinclination to attendance at after-dinner meetings. The following is the list of papers and lectures during the Lent term:—

February 8.—Dr. C. W. Saleeby: "The Methods of Eugenics"; the Rev. Dr. Caldecott in the chair. The paper was published in the *Sociological Review* for October, 1910.

February 22.—Mr. J. A. Hobson: "The General Election: a Sociological Interpretation"; Sir Edward Brabrook in the chair. (*Sociological Review*, April, 1910.)

March 8.—Annual General Meeting, followed by the Presidential Address from Mr. Frederic Harrison: "Sociology: its Definition and its Limits." (*Sociological Review*, April, 1910.)

April 12.—Mr. W. Rothenstein: "The Social Aspects of Art"; Mr. C. R. Ashbee in the chair.

April 26.—Sir Horace Plunkett: "The Sociological Aspects of the Agrarian Revolution in Ireland"; Mr. R. A. Yerburch, M.P., in the chair. (*Sociological Review*, July, 1910.)

May 24.—Professor Hermann Levy (of Heidelberg): "English Rural Society: its Structure and Changes"; Mr. S. H. Swinny in the chair.

The papers and lectures during the autumn term were:—

October 18.—Professor Geddes: "The Lessons of the Town-planning Conference and Exhibition"; Mr. Raymond Unwin in the chair.

November 1.—Sir Theodore Morison, K.C.I.E.: "The Economic Structure of Indian Society"; Sir George Birdwood, K.C.I.E., in the chair.

November 15.—Mr. George Montagu: "The Highways of England: their Growth and Relation to Civics"; Professor A. J. Herbertson in the chair. (*Sociological Review*, January, 1911.)

November 29.—Professor M. E. Sadler: "The State and Education"; Mr. Graham Wallas in the chair. (*Sociological Review*, April, 1911.)

December 13.—Dr. J. Lionel Tayler: "Sociology and its Racial Application"; Dr. F. W. Mott, F.R.S., in the chair. (*Sociological Review*, January, 1911.)

THE HONORARY SECRETARY.

The Council announces, with the greatest possible regret, that Mr. V. V. Branford has found it necessary for a number of reasons to resign the post of Honorary Secretary which he has filled since the formation of the Society in 1903. In making this known to the members, the Council desires to place on record its sense of obligation to Mr. Branford for his continuous devotion to the cause of the Society since its inception, and for the invaluable services rendered by him in every department of the work undertaken during the past seven years. It was largely as the result of his energetic propaganda that the Sociological Society came into being, while the notable success of its early meetings was due in

no small measure to his admirable organisation. Upon Mr. Branford, moreover, fell the principal part of the work in connection with the editing of the three volumes of *Sociological Papers*, the publication of which did so much to make the Society known among students of the social sciences in every part of the world. The terms in which Mr. Branford's resignation was couched left the Council no option in the matter; but although for the present the late Honorary Secretary has no official connection with the society the Council notes with pleasure that there is no reason to anticipate his withdrawal from the sphere of work in which the society is engaged.

Mr. S. K. Ratcliffe has intimated his willingness to accept the honorary, in place of the paid, secretaryship of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Society closes the year with a roll of 335 ordinary, 36 life, and 22 honorary and corresponding members. This total, the Council would point out, is not nearly so large as it ought to be, in view of the wide range of the subject-matter of Sociology and the continually increasing number of students engaged in one or other department of the social sciences; and hopes are entertained that the continually increasing measure of public recognition accorded to the Society may lead to a greatly enlarged membership during the ensuing year.

SUMMARY OF BALANCE SHEET.

At the end of 1909 the accounts of the Society showed an adverse balance of £104 7s. 7d., a considerable proportion of which was due to arrears of subscription. The year just closed has been marked by a gratifying improvement in this respect, the deficiency on the year's working being £57 5s. 1d. The total deficit now amounts to £161 12s. 8d. While it is to be regretted that the Society is still not quite self-supporting, the Council entertains the hope that, partly as the result of the rearrangement in the matter of the Secretaryship, the income henceforward will be fully adequate to meet the demands of expenditure.

THE SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW.

In the July number of the *Sociological Review* it was announced that Professor L. T. Hobhouse, who had been editor of the journal from its foundation in 1907, found himself compelled by pressure of other work to relinquish the direction. The Council in accepting with great reluctance Professor Hobhouse's resignation, unanimously adopted a resolution expressing the great indebtedness of the Society to its distinguished editor for his services. Mr. S. K. Ratcliffe was appointed acting editor.

The guarantee fund, with the aid of which the Review was founded after the discontinuance of the annual *Sociological Papers*,

was designed to cover a period of three years. This period came to an end in October, 1910, and it therefore became necessary for the Council, before embarking upon arrangements for the issue of a fourth volume, to ascertain whether the members of the Society were favourable to the continuance of the Review, and if so, what measure of financial support might be looked for. An appeal for additional guarantees, to cover a further term of two years, was circulated, and the response, though falling somewhat short of the amount necessary to meet the estimated liabilities, was, in the opinion of the Council, sufficient to justify continued publication. It is satisfactory to note that the number of small guarantees is very much larger than it was at the beginning; but it should not be forgotten that the maintenance of the Review would be impossible were it not for the continued generosity of a few large donors. The fund, accordingly, has not yet been closed, and contributions may still be sent in.

The letters received in reply to the appeal left no doubt of the agreement of members as to the necessity of maintaining the Review but the Council is disposed to think that students of Sociology in general are still far from realising the value of the Society's journal as a means of communication and discussion. Proposals are now under consideration for the development of the Review, more especially in the direction of special numbers to be published at reasonably frequent intervals.

THE CITIES COMMITTEE.

The Cities Committee under the direction of its convener, Professor Geddes, has had a year of exceptional activity. Interest in the subject of town survey and, as a valuable factor in education, of town study in relation to the problems of town development, has been much enhanced since the passing of the Housing and Town-planning Act, and the holding of a comprehensive Town-planning Exhibition, at the Royal Academy last October, acted as a great stimulus to the movement. The Royal Institute of British Architects, organisers of the Exhibition and of the accompanying International Congress, placed a room at the disposal of Professor Geddes for his outline Survey of Edinburgh, which many members of the Sociological Society were enabled to examine under his guidance. This exhibit, highly successful at Burlington House, was later removed to the re-erected Crosby Hall, at Chelsea, as part of a typical Cities Exhibition, including many of the most important exhibits of the October Exhibition and a number of other Surveys (of Salisbury, Saffron Walden, etc.), which furnished evidence of the growing participation in the town-study movement of University Schools of Geography, training colleges, and schools. After undergoing further enlargement the exhibition began at Edinburgh a tour of the principal cities of the kingdom.

Mention was made in last year's report of the room which had been temporarily provided for the use of Professor Geddes at

the University of London. In connection with the work done there during the winter of 1909-1910, representations were made by the Cities Committee to the University authorities with a view to the establishment of a Department of Civics in the University of London. The matter is now under consideration, and is forming the subject of correspondence between the Committee and the University.

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Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1910.

<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries, Wages and Travelling Expenses	-	223	4	1			
" Rent	-	52	0	0			
" Heating and Lighting	-	4	12	3			
" Telephone	-	7	18	6			
" General Expenditure	-	6	14	10			
" Audit charges (2 years to 31 Dec., 1909)	-	12	12	0			
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Less Proportion allocated to Review a/c					-	130	13 11
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To Printing and Stationery	-				176	7	9
" Postages and Telegrams	-				18	15	3
" Publications	-				18	7	4
" Bank Interest and Charges	-				0	17	0
" Hire of Rooms and Expenses of Lectures	-				12	7	3
" Printing Annual Reports	-				20	17	0
" Depreciation of Office Furniture and Fittings at 5 per cent. per annum	-				11	14	6
" Transferred to Sociological Review Account for copies supplied to members	-				2	6	6
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<i>Income.</i>		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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for 1910	-				268	4	1
Arrears received for 1908	-				2	2	0
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" Life Subscriptions	-				283	6	10
" Student Associates' Subscriptions	-				10	10	0
" Donations	-				0	10	0
" Volume Account.	-				1	1	0
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Sales—Macmillan & Co., for one year to 30th June, 1910	-				11	0	2
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<i>Expenditure.</i>		<i>Income.</i>	
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" Stationery and Printing	- - - 2 6 11	" Allowed by Society for Copies supplied to Members	- - - 100 0 0
" Postages and Telegrams	- - - 5 0 5	" Deficiency to be met by Guarantors	- - - 134 5 11
" Sundry Expenses	- - - 1 3 10		
" Publishing Account	- - - 135 16 10		
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I have examined the above Income and Expenditure Accounts with the books and vouchers of the Society and certify them to be in accordance therewith.

LONDON, E.C.
March, 1911.

DUNCAN F. BASDEN, F.C.A., Auditor.
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